



Department: PARKS SERVICES

Director: MURRAY KOPP

2022 Budget: \$9,390,119

FTE's: 35.699

Mandate

The RDCO's Parks Service Programs continually strive to improve the overall quality of life for residents in the Central Okanagan by providing quality leisure opportunities that meet broad individual and community wide needs through offering creative, innovative, and accessible programs, services, as well as access to community facilities, parks and natural areas that protect and conserve the environment. Collectively, these services provide residents with both direct and indirect nature-based benefits as well as positive daily leisure experience opportunities that proudly acknowledge & celebrate our sylix / Okanagan Valley community.

Program Management Goals

121 – Ellison Heritage Community Centre

Recreational, educational, and cultural community services at the Ellison Heritage Community Centre were previously delivered, in part, over the past twenty (20) years through an agreement with the Ellison Parks & Recreation Society (EPRS). In 2022 the EPRS concluded its role as a nonprofit organization under the BC Societies Act. The RDCO appreciated over two decades of volunteerism provided by the residents on the Ellison community and recognized the recreational and community significance of the Community Centre by allocating additional RDCO staff resourcing in 2022 to now provide recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities for the public in the community of Ellison.

Goal 1 Effectively Manage and Operate Facilities and Programs at the Ellison Heritage Community Centre – ensure the Community Centre is available for the safe enjoyment of residents and visitors to the Central Okanagan, within the organizational structure of the Society and the Regional District of Central Okanagan

Goal 2 Strive for Maximum Accessibility of the Public to Programs and Facilities at the Ellison Heritage Community Centre – ensure that the facility is utilized to its maximum capacity without negatively impacting the physical condition of the Community Centre

Goal 3 Communicate and Participate in Recreation and Community Centre Space Planning Processes - continually assess the needs and opportunities for the public to access programs and facilities at the Community Centre, while at the same time understanding the impact on the condition of the Centre.

123 – Joe Rich Community Hall

Community services at the Joe Rich Community Hall are delivered, in part, through a three (3) year Operating and Recreation Program Delivery Agreement between the RDCO and the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society (JRRATS). The Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society and the Regional District recognize the recreational and community significance of the hall and entered a three (3) year agreement (2022 – 2024) to provide recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities for the public in the community of Joe Rich.

Goal 1 Effectively Manage and Operate Facilities and Programs at the Joe Rich Community Hall

– ensure the hall is available for the safe enjoyment of residents and visitors to the Central Okanagan, within the organizational structure of the Society and the Regional District of Central Okanagan

Goal 2 Strive for Maximum Accessibility of the Public to Programs and Facilities at the Joe Rich Community Hall – ensure that the facility is utilized to its maximum capacity without negatively impacting the physical condition of the hall

Goal 3 Communicate and Participate in Recreation and Community Hall Space Planning Processes - continually assess the needs and opportunities for the public to access programs and facilities at the hall, while at the same time understanding the impact on the condition of the hall.

126 – Killiney Beach Community Hall

The Killiney Beach Community Hall is owned and operated by the North Westside Community Association (NWCA). All services at the Killiney Community Hall are delivered via the NWCA). The North Westside Community Association and because of a referendum completed in 2011 and the RDCO adopting a service establishment bylaw in 2011 (RDCO Bylaw No. 1294) in which the Regional District provides operational and capital financial support to the NWCA via the “2015 Killiney Community Hall Annual Operational Funding Agreement – North Westside Communities Association”. The provision of annual operational and capital funding supports the NWCA in the delivery of recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities for the residents of North Westside communities at the Killiney beach Community Hall.

Goal 1 Provide Annual Core Operational and Capital Asset Financial Support - assist in the successful long-term operation of the Killiney Community Hall for the benefit of North Westside area residents.

Goal 2 Enhancing a Rural High Quality of Life – support the NWCA in the delivery of ongoing and regular community coordinated and supported leisure functions.

142 – Regional Parks

Goal 1 Conservation - Regional parks and greenways protect and conserve the region's natural areas in perpetuity

Goal 2 Nature as a Second Language - Visitors to regional parks and greenways have experiences that benefit their physical and mental health through provision of facilities and programs that provide access to nature and encourage ongoing involvement in environmental stewardship

Goal 3 Reconciliation - Our Past, Our Future - First Nations have lived on these lands since time immemorial and have carefully stewarded the land and species as part of a reciprocal relationship with nature. RDCO Parks aspire to continue to support a strong, collaborative, and mutually beneficial relationship with First Nations by working in partnership in regional parks stewardship efforts.

Goal 4 Climate Action & Resiliency - Regional parks and greenways are resilient, adapt to change and contribute to regional resiliency

Goal 5 Everyone Outdoors and Enjoy the Okanagan - Access & Equity - Regional parks and greenways are inclusive and accessible

143 – Electoral Area Westside Community Parks

Goal 1 Ensure Electoral Area Westside Community Parks are Effectively Operated and Maintained to a Safe and Acceptable standard

Goal 2 Assess the Outdoor Leisure Needs to Prioritize and Provide Appropriate Park Spaces and Amenities in Accordance with Official Community Plans

Goal 3 Encourage Community Involvement in Westside Community Parks - support volunteer opportunities including stewardship projects, fundraising, park development, special events.

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Program Activities

121 – Ellison Heritage Community Centre

Goal 1 Effectively Manage and Operate Facilities and Programs at the Ellison Heritage Community Centre

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Goal 2 Strive for Maximum Accessibility of the Public to Programs and Facilities at the Ellison Heritage Community Centre

Activity 1.1 RDCO staff will invest time, operational and capital resources allocated for the Ellison Heritage Community Center to:

- encourage the development of special events to contribute to a feeling of community identity and spirit
- continuously recognize that local recreation groups and agencies contribute to the quality of life in Ellison through their various efforts and supports groups through access to community programming and events
- Support artistic groups and encourage partnership agreements to improve programming.
- Encourage partnership with community groups as well as the entire community in stewardship for the respect and care of its grounds and development of future events, activities, and programming
- Encourage families to participate in recreation activities
- Promote individual health, fitness, and wellness
- Promote social interaction, foster development and growth
- Promote basic skill development to form the basis of enjoyment of lifetime leisure activities, contribute to the entire motor and physical development and provides a social setting in which social, moral, and emotional growth can be fostered
- Promote advanced skill development or connect the community to other opportunities
- Promote activities for youth that enhance positive social, emotional, moral principle and convictions, educational opportunities, and life leadership skills
- Promote activities for adults and seniors that enhance well-being including social, health and fitness and educational opportunities that stimulate participation in the community as a whole

123 – Joe Rich Community Hall

Goal 1 Effectively Manage and Operate Facilities and Programs at the Hall

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Goal 2 Strive for Maximum Accessibility of the Public to Programs and Facilities at the Hall

Activity 1.1 As identified in the 2022 – 2024 operating agreement, the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society will allocate a minimum of \$10,000 annually to the community hall recreational programming budget and guidelines for the use of these funds are as follows:

Family Events (i.e. New Year Skating Party, Easter Craft, Father’s Day Breakfast, Summer Event, Thanksgiving Potluck, Hallowe’en, Christmas Craft, Christmas Craft Fair, Christmas Potluck, etc.)

Family events are defined as events that help build a sense of “community” in Joe Rich. Family events will target all members of the community including children, youth, and adults.

Number of Events	Max Subsidy Level	Total Budget	Budget per Event
9	100%	\$3,000	\$333.33

Recreation and Community Programming (i.e., Valentine’s Dance, Adult Crafts, Board Games Night, Active Games, Yoga, Guest Speakers, Soup and Sandwich, Tot Time, Teen Night and After School, etc.)

Recreation and Community Programming is defined as programs that have a specific topic or interest, are targeting one specific demographic and can be one time or recurring.

Age Demographic	Min Hours of Programming	Max Subsidy Level	Total Budget	Budget per program hour
Children / Youth 0-15	140	100%	\$4,000	\$28.57
Adult 16+	160	75%	\$3,000	\$14.06

126 – Killiney Community Hall

Goal 1 Provide Annual Core Operational and Capital Asset Financial Support

Activity 1.1 Provide core operational funding to support routine annual operational requirements.

Activity 1.2 Develop a long-term asset management strategy to ensure appropriate facility upgrades are undertaken in an appropriate, efficient, and effective manner.

Goal 2 Enhancing a Rural High Quality of Life

Activity 2.1 Provide core operational funding to support routine annual operational and capital requirements in support of the community hall acting as a social hub for local area residents.

142 – Regional Parks

Goal 1 Conservation

Activity 1.1 Take action to increase protection of biodiversity, ecological integrity, and natural assets in the region through improved knowledge, proactive stewardship, and land acquisition

Activity 1.2 Work with partners in taking care of the region's species, habitats, and natural areas.

Goal 2 Nature as a Second Language

Activity 2.1 Foster stewardship through program delivery, knowledge sharing and collaboration.

Activity 2.2 Offer compatible outdoor recreation experiences that are enjoyable, healthy, safe, and immersed in nature.

Goal 3 Reconciliation - Our Past, Our Future

Activity 3.1 Work with First Nations Governments in all aspects of regional parks service program delivery initiatives

Activity 3.2 Incorporate First Nation worldviews and knowledge in the ongoing management and operation of regional parks and regional greenways

Goal 4 Climate Action & Resiliency

Activity 4.1 Strive to develop pro-active approaches to incorporating climate change considerations into planning and design, focused on understanding vulnerabilities and developing flexible responses that can be adapted over time, based on new information and lessons learnt

Activity 4.2 Maintaining or enhancing connections between regional parks ecosystems and other protected areas supports resiliency and will necessitate working together with other land managers

Goal 5 Everyone Outdoors and Enjoy the Okanagan - Access & Equity

Activity 5.1 Enhance health and well-being by providing equitable access to regional parks and greenways

143 – Electoral Area Westside Community Parks

Goal 1 Ensure Electoral Area Westside Community Parks are Effectively Operated and Maintained to a Safe and Acceptable standard

Activity 1.1 Deliver ongoing community park operational support and maintenance focused on:

- park safety
- general repairs and maintenance.
- preventative maintenance

Goal 2 Assess the Outdoor Leisure Needs to Prioritize and Provide Appropriate Park Spaces and Amenities in Accordance with Official Community Plans

Activity 2.1 Deliver ongoing community park planning & park capital development support focused on:

- local community park planning, design, and development
- enhancement of community park amenities

Goal 3 Encourage Community Involvement in Westside Community Parks - support volunteer opportunities including stewardship projects, fundraising, park development, special events.

Activity 3.1 Provide ongoing community park volunteer and park stewardship support through:

- collaboration with community members / local resident community association committees in park planning efforts
- encouraging community local fundraising programs to install additional park amenities

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2022 RDCO OPERATING EXPENDITURES: GENERAL, WATER, SEWER
Total = \$58.9 Million

